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From the Air Boss

By Vice Adm. Allen G. Myers, Commander, Naval Air Forces

I am thrilled that *Naval Aviation News*—which has served Naval Aviation, in several guises, for 94 of the community's 100 years—will continue to chronicle the achievements and occurrences of Naval Aviation as well as share the wisdom of “Grampaw Pettibone” and the collective experiences of naval aviators, past and present. As we prepare to kick off the year-long celebration of the centennial, I am pleased this outstanding periodical will remain a part of our legacy.

I have long been inspired by the mantra of Fight to Fly! Fly to Fight! Fight to Win! For the past 32 years, these words have captured the essence of what Naval Aviation means. Above all, our profession is our passion. We fight to fly every day—for the slot on the flight schedule, for the chance to get the qual, and to get the next school. Regardless of our individual roles on the team, we are all passionate about what we do. We fly to fight! Naval Aviation is a serious business. We have been entrusted with precious assets—the treasure of our nation and the lives of its sons and daughters. We make each and every sortie count, and we do it safely, efficiently, and effectively each and every day. Above all, we fight to win because we are warfighters. We are adaptable, relevant, and flexible, and when called upon we are lethal in our ability to deliver credible combat power anywhere in the world, whenever our nation demands it.

I am proud to be the Air Boss and entrusted to lead such a fine team of professionals as we continue our glide scope toward success through a focus on the four fundamentals of alignment, respect, readiness, and our warfighting ethos.

We will maintain our alignment being mindful of who we work for, knowing the resources at our command, and understanding clearly and unambiguously what our mission is. Our nation relies on Naval Air Forces to deliver warfighting capability continuously around the world. We provide the right levels of readiness through our alignment as a force to achieve maximum effects, and we will maintain this momentum through respect for our positions, our command, and our shipmates. Whether we wear flight gear, utilities, coveralls, or a suit, we are all volunteers who have chosen to serve our country and a cause greater than ourselves. Our team is built on this common bond of respect, and we are accountable to respect our shipmates, our commands, and ourselves. Together, we form a ready force. We are ready individually, by commands, and as families, so we can continue to answer our nation's call today and in the future.



As a community, we stand on the shoulders of giants. Our warfighting ethos transcends each generation of Naval Aviation. We will continue to build on our proud warfighting legacy, a tale that has been captured on so many pages of this journal—from our earliest achievements that laid the foundation for the success we enjoy today. For 100 years, Naval Aviation has served with courage and honor and displayed a passion to fly that has been fueled by the best training, maintenance, and support structure the world has known.

I look forward to working with the Naval Aviation team to build on our rich history, honored legacy and dauntless spirit to create an even stronger and more cohesive fighting force.

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Ready for Launch:

Naval Aviation News is back at the cat as it continues its own journey toward 100 years of publication, and it begins the celebration of Naval Aviation's century of excellence in 2011.

After 23 years in the excellent care of the Naval Historical Center (now the Naval History and Heritage Command), Naval Aviation News has returned to the Naval Air Systems Command. The magazine will now appear in print quarterly, and will be available online.

Please welcome the new staff: Capt. Patrick Herring, USN (Editor in Chief) and the OMNITEC Solutions team; (left to right) Josh Phillips (Associate Editor); Dave Bradford (Design and Layout); Ken Collins (Art Director); and Colin Babb (Managing Editor). (Photos by MC3 Josue L. Escobosa and Dave Bradford)



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